

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Annual Assessment of the Status of)	MB Docket No. 12-203
Competition in the Market for the)	
Delivery of Video Programming)	

**COMMENTS OF
EAST LONGMEADOW COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION**

East Longmeadow Community Access Television submits these comments in response to the above-captioned Notice of Inquiry (“NOI”), released July 20, 2012, seeking “data, information, and comment on the state of competition in the delivery of video programming.”

Answer: East Longmeadow [MA] Community Access Television (ELCAT) is a municipally operated PEG facility that provides access to the East Longmeadow community (Pop. 16,000; 4800 cable subscribers) to facilities, training, channel time, and its coverage of local government. ELCAT produces 10 -16 hours of new programming each week, including school events and sports, community news, Council on Aging activities, civic organizations, speakers, lectures, concerts and regular meetings of the town’s six elected municipal boards.]

1. How many channels does your MVPD operator(s) provide for PEG programming?

A: Charter Communications provides 3 channels under our license. We presently use the Public and Government channels for programming but will begin using the Educational channel for additional content within 6 months.

2. On which tier are these channels placed and is extra equipment required to view them?

A: Channels are available on the basic tier.

3. Are there more or fewer PEG channels carried on MVPD systems than were carried as of June 2010?

A: Same number. Expect to add (1) channel within 6 Mo.

4. What data sources exist to track the availability of PEG programming?

A: Provider Subscription Data

5. N/A

6. **Answer: ELCAT has developed in the past 4 years as a critical resource in providing information and news to the community. Our programming reflects and serves diverse populations and provides transparency in our Town Meeting form of local government. Our active production environment and involvement with the East Longmeadow High School engages young people in learning about new media tools, and the role media plays in supporting informed communities and encouraging civic participation.**

ELCAT is recognized among peer PEG Stations in Western Massachusetts as a model local access center in today's challenging information media environment. We believe community access centers are a critical resource through which citizens can and

will become informed stakeholders and participants in maintaining the integrity of local civic institutions and open and effective self-government.

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